

VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-049

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARATHON COUNTY'S COUNTY-WIDE UNIFORM ADDRESSING PROJECT

WHEREAS, Marathon County provides central E911 dispatch services for all municipalities, including the Village of Weston, in Marathon County; and

WHEREAS, the current response system was built in the 1980's on multiple grids with an assumption that all calls would come from landline phones; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's a consolidated dispatch center was created to share costs on staffing, technology, coverage and to provide consistent service throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, todays Public expects E911 services to get the right response to the right person at the right time when needed; and

WHEREAS, today we communicate differently and per Federal regulations 911 services must be able to receive and respond to text, IM, Twitter, Facebook, etc. for emergency response (Next Gen 911) and can no longer utilize land line phones to pinpoint the location of an emergency call; and

WHEREAS, currently over 70% of the E911 calls currently received by Marathon County central dispatch are from cell phones; and

WHEREAS, currently there are over 60,000 addresses countywide, located in 62 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, these addresses are based on 10 different addressing grids and numbering systems; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is one of a handful of counties that does not have a unique addressing system; and

WHEREAS, the current Marathon County addressing system has created issues with duplicate addresses and street names within the County; and

WHEREAS, these duplicate addresses and street names creates a greater possibility that the wrong emergency services department will be called to an emergency resulting in greater response times and possibility of loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is currently discussing plans to address these addressing and duplicate street naming issues and create a uniform addressing system for the County; and

WHEREAS, township participation will be required, Marathon County is requesting support and cooperation from its incorporated municipalities, including the Village of Weston, to ensure Marathon County meets its strategic plan goal to be the safest County in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Village is aware of address numbering and street naming issues within our community and neighboring communities which could impede our own local E911 emergency response efforts in emergency situations where locational information is not relayed properly; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston Board of Trustees believes seconds matter in an emergency situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Weston supports Marathon County in their efforts to create unique addresses for every property in Marathon County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Weston will pledge Village staff and resources to work with Marathon County to create unique addresses and fix street naming issues in the Village of Weston.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTON, at a regular meeting thereof, this 21st day of the month of December, 2015.

VILLAGE OF WESTON, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Wisconsin.

By:

BARBARA ERMELING, Village President

ATTEST:

By:

HERRY WEINKAUF, Village Clerk

By:

NIEL GUILD, Village Administrator